GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:127
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2000
CODE ON NATIONAL FLAG
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases have come to the notice of the Government showing disrespect to the National Flag by its misuse by the Fashion designers, individuals leaving it flying a night and by way of other activities against the Flag Code and also by displaying it at non-official functions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring out any legislation before Parliament in order to give Flag Code a legal status; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (L.K. ADVANI)

(a), (b),(c) and (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b), (c) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 127 for answer 28.11.2000.

(a) & (b) : A Statement giving details of the cases which have been reported to the Government in respect of disrespect shown to the National Flag during the last three years is attached.

(c) & (d) : An inter-ministerial Committee has been constituted to examine various issues relating to the use/display of the National Flag including the extent to which its unrestricted or liberal use by members of the public may be permitted the advisability of enacting a separate legislation governing the display and use of the National Flag and other related matter.

STATEMENT GIVING DETAILS OF CASES REPORTED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR SHOWING DISRESPECT T NATIONAL FLAG

SL. NO.	NAME OF OFFENCE	STATE COMMITTED	DATE OF OFFENCE	REMARKS
1.	Shri Ramesh Chazade	Rajasthan	Aug. 1997	Commercial exploitation of the National Flag. He was left on production of security bond of Rs. 2000/- with binding of good conduct of six months.
2.	Shri Dasari Ramana	Andhra Pradesh	15.8. 1997	Insulted the Flag in the court. Case registered & pending
3.	Som group of companies, Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	March, 1998	Insulted the Flag in the court. Case registered & pending
4.	Shri Radhey Shyam @ Papu	Madhya Pradesh	Aug. 1999	Burnt the Flag Case registered & pending in the court.
5.	Shri Darshan Lal	Madhya Pradesh	Aug. 1999	Insulted the Flag in the court. Case registered & pending

6. Smt. Chellathai & Shri Thambi Edwardsam	Tamil Nadu	Aug. 1999	Hoisted the Flag reversely.	Case registered & pending in the court.
7 Shri Akhtar Ali	Rajasthan	15.8. 2000	The Flag was not lowered after the Sun-set.	Case registered & pending in the court.
8. Shri Mangla Ram	Rajasthan	15.8. 2000	Removed the Flag with pole after hoisting.	Case registered & pending in the court.
9. Shri Anil @Venkateshwar	Madhya Pradesh	26.1. 2000	Hoisted the black flag after removing the National Flag.	Case registered & pending in the court.
10. Ms. Malini Ramani	New Delhi	August, 2000	Used the Flag as a dress	Case registered & investigation completed.